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MEMBERSHIP IN THE JUSCANZ GROUP

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The ROKG is still reluctant to advocate for full Israeli membership in the JUSCANZ group without a "genuine consensus." On February 20, POLOFFS presented reftel points to Chang Jae-bok, Director of the Human Rights and Social Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFAT). Chang promised to pass the points to the ROK Mission in Geneva prior to the February 21 JUSCANZ meeting. While Chang made it clear that Seoul's position was unlikely to change, he expressed willingness on the part of the ROK representative in Geneva to thoroughly discuss the matter with the U.S. delegation, the New Zealanders, and other JUSCANZ members.

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